



Ryan Christian Tonge

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It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Ryan Tonge, a cherished husband, father, son, and beloved brother. Ryan's presence illuminated the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his memory will forever be etched in our hearts.

As a devoted father to his children, Grayson, Baylee, and Christian, Ryan's love was immeasurable. His unwavering commitment to his family was evident in every moment spent together, as they were his source of joy and inspiration. Ryan's devotion to his beloved wife, Christina, whom he held dear, had no restrictions, and his affection for her surpasses earthly limitations, now guiding as a guardian angel from above. He elevated Christina to a pedestal, honoring her as the cherished bride and queen of his heart, symbolizing the depth of his love and admiration.

Ryan's multifaceted nature was reflected in his many passions and talents. From his soulful melodies on the guitar to his keen eye for photography, he approached each endeavor with passion and dedication. As a former deputy, Ryan exemplified courage and selflessness in his service to others, leaving an indelible mark on those he encountered.

Away from his professional duties, Ryan found solace in the company of his family and friends. Each moment spent together was cherished, whether it

was the tranquility of camping under a blanket of stars, the camaraderie of disc golf with his friends and son Grayson, or the joyous adventures aboard the family boat, every experience was ingrained with his infectious zest for life. Ryan's adventurous spirit was contagious, infusing every gathering with laughter and love, leaving significant imprints on the hearts of those fortunate enough to share in his company. Moreover, Ryan will forever be remembered for his culinary prowess, particularly his mastery of crepes and cream brûlée. With each delicate fold of a crepe or the caramelized perfection of a brûlée, he infused his creations with not just flavors, but with love and care, leaving an enduring legacy of culinary delight that will linger in the hearts and taste buds of all who were fortunate enough to indulge.

To his stepmother, Stephanie, Ryan owed his love for piano, nurtured by her patient guidance, while her culinary expertise and creative flair shaped his passion for cooking. Their bond woven through shared passions and cherished moments since the tender age of 9, reflected Stephanie's artistic and nurturing presence in his life.

To his father, Dennis, Ryan owed a debt of gratitude for instilling in him the values of integrity and perseverance. Dennis's unwavering support and encouragement fueled Ryan's pursuits, shaping him into the remarkable man he became. Dad, you imparted Ryan with invaluable business acumen, becoming his trusted advisor in every venture. Their bond was irreplaceable, marked by striking resemblances in appearance, speech, and the infectious laugh they shared. It's an irreplaceable connection that speaks volumes about their profound connection and shared experiences.

To his mother, Anabel (Tita), Ryan's all-time favorite chef! His passion for cooking blossomed under her loving care. From his childhood favorite of chocolate rice to his all-time favorite yellow rice and chicken, her delectable

dishes spoke volumes of her endless love. Tita's steadfast devotion bestowed Ryan with the resilience and empathy that shaped his character throughout his life's journey. Tita's love and devotion provided Ryan with a foundation of strength and compassion that guided him throughout his life. Ryan was your first-born and will forever be your Papito.

To his sister Carolyn, Ryan's love knew no bounds, cherishing the bond they shared and always being proud of her kindhearted nature. As "Uncle Ryan" to Matty, Ella, and Emmalee, he embraced his role with joy, leaving an unforgettable imprint on their hearts. Carolyn, know with absolute certainty that Ryan regarded you with admiration and love beyond measure and you were cool enough! His presence may be absent physically, but his spirit will forever reside within the cherished memories you shared.

To his only brother, Luis, Ryan treasured the time spent together on job sites, not only supporting Ryan's business but also strengthening the bond of brotherhood. The memories forged during those moments will forever be cherished. Their joint passion for MMA and wrestling sparked countless friendly battles, from childhood play to spirited debates in adulthood, cementing a bond that transcends time and space. Their shared love for music manifested in singing and playing guitar together, their harmonies now echoing in the heavens as a tribute to their enduring bond.

To the family of his beloved Christina, Ryan's gratitude towards you is boundless. Your unconditional love for Christina extended to him, welcoming Ryan with open arms into your hearts and home. Countless cherished memories, including family trips to North Carolina, now serve as a testament to the warmth and acceptance he found within your family circle. Ryan seamlessly integrated into your family dynamic, enthusiastically participating in game nights, engaging in spirited sing-alongs and jam sessions, and

embracing every opportunity to be a part of your gatherings, whether at home or amidst the serene beauty of North Carolina's landscapes. Your love and inclusion enriched his life immeasurably, creating a tapestry of love and belonging that will forever endure in our hearts.

Ryan Christian Tonge leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and resilience that will continue to inspire all who knew him. Though he may no longer walk among us, his spirit will forever remain a guiding light, illuminating our paths with warmth and love. In our hearts,

Ryan will live on, a cherished memory of a life well-lived and a love that had no limits.